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Applicant: Albert D. Edgar et al. :

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For: **Method and Apparatus For Scanning Images**

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated October 23, 2002, please amend the present application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 4 and 13.

Please amend claims 1, 10, 19 and 29 as follows:

--1. (Amended) A method for generating a digital representation of an image, comprising:

(a) applying visible and infrared light to an image storing medium which includes the image;

(b) directing said visible and infrared light which is reflected from or transmitted through said image storing medium to a reflective surface, wherein said visible light is